

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

This statement,* consisting of _____ pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 13th day of December, 1978.

Signed .. B. Hodgetts D.C.I.

Signature witnessed by.....

During June and July 1968 I was a Detective Sergeant, working in C.O.C.8 Department, New Scotland Yard and was the working partner of the then Detective Sergeant Alexander EIST. I recall that at least on one occasion I escorted from prison James Earl RAY to Bow Street Magistrates' Court. I was one of a number of officers engaged on this duty and I cannot specifically recall D/S-Eist being present on that occasion but I would assume he was as he was my working partner. I did not speak to Ray at any time and he did not ever in my presence admit to any offence. However, I can recall through having general conversation with the then Detective Sergeant Eist that he was of the opinion James Earl RAY was responsible for the murder of Martin Luther KING. These conversations would have been at the time RAY was in custody in this country.

Signed B. Hodgetts D.C.I. Signature witnessed by _____
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